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1. JOHN SIMON, AUDIT MANAGER, GAO FAR EAST BRANCH, HONOLULU, CALLED AT EMBASSY ON MARCH 17 TO EXPLAIN SCOPE OF REFERENCE STUDY IN JAPAN. SIMON SAID STUDY IDEALLY WOULD INVOLVE INTERVIEWS WITH BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF PERSONS IN GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, AND ACADEMIC WORLD WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT JAPANESE TRANSPORTATION POLICIES, PLANS, AND PRACTICES. BOTH SIMON AND GAO REP ROBERT EURICH PLAN TO ARRIVE TOKYO ON MARCH 31 TO BEGIN STUDY. SIMON WILL REMAIN FOR ONE WEEK AND EURICH WILL CONTINUE STUDY THROUGH APRIL 18. (THESE ARE DIFFERENT FROM DATES MENTIONED PARA 2 REF A, BUT WE WILL ASSUME THEY ARE FIRM UNLESS INFORMED OTHERWISE.)

2. WHILE EMBASSY PLEASE TO ASSIST GAO REPS IN MAKING APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS, IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ESCORT/INTERPRETER FOR GAO REPS EXCEPT ON VERY LIMITED BASIS. SINCE INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MANY PEOPLE GAO REPS WILL WISH TO CONTRACT, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT URGE GAO TO AUTHORIZE SIMON AND EURICH TO HIRE LOCAL INTERPRETER.
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